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SUBJ: PROPOSED AID FOR RWANDA

FOR AMBASSADOR FRITTS

1. RE POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE TO RWANDA WITH GRAIN STORAGE AND MARKETING PROJECT, WHILE IN BERN SUGGEST YOU CONTACT MR. SERGE SALVI, CHIEF AFRICA SECTION, SWISS TECHNICAL COOPERATION, AND MR. HEIM, DELEGATE OF SWISS FEDERAL COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION. HEIMO WAS ADVISOR TO PRES KAYIBANDA FOR TWO YEARS IN MID-SIXTIES. IN RECENT GOR-SWISS AID TALKS IN KIGALI, GOR INFORMED SWISS THAT TRAFIPRO COOPERATIVE CONTINUES HAVE HIGH PRIORITY AND AGREEMENT WAS REACHED FOR CONTINUATION SWISS ASSISTANCE ROLE (A NEW RWANDAN-SWISS AGREEMENT WILL BENEGOTIATED LATER THIS YEAR). GOR HAS INDICATED INTEREST IN EXTENSION TRAFIPRO ACTIVITY INTO FOOD GRAIN MARKETING.

2. SUGGEST YOU MIGHT SOUND OUT SWISS RE UTILIZATION OF TRAFIPRO IN THIS TYPE OF ACTIVITY. IF THEY CONSIDER TRAFIPRO SUITABLE VEHICLE FOR MARKETING, WOULD THEY BE

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INTERESTED IN COOPERATING WITH POSSIBLE US PROJECT AS

OUTLINED IN REDSO REPORT? TRAFIPRO, SEMIOFFICIAL COOPERATIVE ORGANIZATION, OPERATES RETAIL STORES THROUGHOUT COUNTRY WHICH COULD POSSIBLY FULFIL MARKETING FUNCTION. FOOD PURCHASED BY GOR WOULD BE STORED FACILITIES FINANCED BY USAID. ACTUAL SYSTEM OF PRICE CONTROLS AND GOR INTERVENTION IN MARKET WOULD PROBABLY BE SUBJECT FOR STUDY BY US CONSULTANT IN COORDINATION WITH IBRD, SWISS GOR, ETC.

3. RE LAKESHORE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, YOU MIGHT WISH ASCERTAIN DEGREE SWISS FLEXIBILITY AS TO FUNDING. WOULD THEY BE AGREEABLE TO US FUNDING FEEDER ROAD ASPECT OF PROJECT? HOW WOULD THEY VIEW USG-FRG-SWISS FINANCING OF MAIN KIBUYE-GITAGAMA ROAD (PROVIDED ADEQUATE FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR FEEDER ROADS FROM ONE OF THESE THREE DONORS)? WHAT ARE SWISS ESTIMATES OF WHEN INITIAL STUDIES OF RITARAMA-KIBUYE AREA ROAD DEVELOPMENT WILL BE COMPLETED AND WHEN GOR WILL BE INFORMED THAT SWISS/GERMANS DO NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO COMPLETE IT?
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